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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF THE SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICE

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The independent claims differ somewhat from the subject matter referred to in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Nevertheless, it is apparent that the inventions recited in these claims, and in the dependent claims, are neither taught nor suggested by the prior art and that all the claims are clearly allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

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